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Concerning

MEETING IN Houſes, Ships, Streets, Mountains, By-VVayes.

And in what Places the Prophet *Jeremiah*, *Chriſt* and the *Apoſtles Taught* or *Preached* in, may be ſeen in this Book.

And how *Chriſt* and the *Apoſtles were haled out of their* MEETINGS, *when, or while they were ſpeaking*, John 18 1. Mat. 26. 47. Acts 4. 2, 3. and Chap. 5. 24, 25, 26, 27.

HEre you may ſee, how Chriſt and his Apoſtles, and *John Baptiſt*, were not tyed to Places to preach in; for Chriſt ſent his Apoſtles into all Nations to preach the Goſpel, and to every Creature under Heaven; and ſometimes Chriſt preacht in the *Synagogues*, and in the *Temple*, and in *Houſes*, and in the *Wilderneſs*, and upon *Ship-board*, and upon the *Sea-ſhore*, and upon the *Mountains*; and the Apoſtles did likewiſe preach not only in the Synagogues, but in other common Houſes: And the *Primitive Chriſtians* you do not read that they gave Titles of Synagogues, or Temples, or Churches to their Meeting-Houſes as were given to the *Jews* Synagogues and Temple, in the Old Teſtament; for a *Church* was *Chriſt's Believers*, and Chriſt was the Head of them.

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Now they that profeſs the Scriptures of the New Teſtament, and ſay, *It is their Rule*, they may ſee by the Scripture, that follows, it is no ſtrange thing for God's People to meet in Mountains, or Deſarts, or in Ships, or in common Houſes. And did not *John* the *Baptiſt* Preach in the Wilderneſs of *Judea*, ſaying, *Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand*, in his *Rayment* of *Camels Hair*, and *Leathern Girdle*; and then went out to him *Jeruſalem*, and all *Judea*, and the Regions round about *Jordan*, *Mat.* 3. 3, 4. And *Mark* 1. 3, 4. *John* was a Voice crying in the Wilderneſs, ſaying, *Prepare ye the Way of the Lord, make his Path ſtraight.* And *Luke* 3. 4, 5. *The Word of the Lord came to* John, *the Son of* Zachariah, *in the Wilderneſs, who preacht the Baptiſm of Repentance for the Remiſſion of Sins, and ſaid, Every Valley ſhall be filled, and every Mountain and Hill ſhall be brought low, and the crooked ſhall be made ſtraight, and the Rough ſhall be made ſmooth, and all Fleſh ſhall ſee the Salvation of God: Bring forth Fruits worthy of Repentance*, &c. *for now is the Ax laid to the Root of the Trees, and every Tree therefore which brings not forth Fruit, is to be hewn down, and caſt into the Fire.* And *John* was a man ſent from God, who bore witneſs to the Light, and ſaid, *He was not the Light; but that was the true Light which enlightens every man that comes into the World*, John 1. 6, 7, 8, 9.

And the Wiſe Men that came from the Eaſt, which ſaw the Star in the Eaſt, that came to ſee the young Child Jeſus, and the Star ſtood over the Houſe, where Chriſt was Born in *Bethlehem*, and when they were come into the Houſe, they ſaw the young Child with *Mary* his Mother, and fell down and worſhipped him. Had not the Wiſe Men a Meeting with Chriſt Jeſus, and *Mary* in the Stable in *Bethlehem*, though he lay in a Manger? and *Herod* was in ſuch a Rage, becauſe that the Wiſe men did not tell him where Chriſt was Born, that he ſent forth and ſlew all the Men-Children that were in *Bethlehem*, and in the Coaſt thereof, from two Years old and under, &c. for the Wiſe Men were warned of God, not to go to *Herod*, but to depart into their own Country, by another way.

And Jeſus walked by the Sea ſide of Galilee, *and ſaw two Brethren*,

thren, Simon *called* Peter, *and* Andrew *his Brother caſting their Nets into the Sea, for they were Fiſher-men; and going from thence, he ſaw other two Brethren*, James, *and* John *his Brother, in a Ship with* Zebedee *their Father, mending their Nets, and he called them, and they immediately left their Ship and Nets, and their Father, and followed him.* Here did not Chriſt preach by the Sea-ſide of *Galilee*, and Convert theſe four Perſons, and made them his Diſciples? *Mat.*4.18,19,20,21.

And there followed Chriſt a great Multitude from *Galilee*, and *Decapolis*, and from *Jeruſalem*, and from *Judea*, and from beyond *Jordan*; and Jeſus ſeeing the Multitude, he went upon the Mountain, and when he was ſet down, his Diſciples came unto him, and he opened his Mouth, and taught them and the Multitude, as you may ſee in *Mat.* 5. to *Mat.* 8. and how he expounds the Law, and makes a diſtinction betwixt the Old Teſtament and the New; there you may ſee his large Sermon upon the Mountain, to the great Multitude and his Diſciples: ſo he preacht upon a Mountain. And Chriſt, after he had given Power to his twelve Apoſtles, he ſaid unto them, *As you go, Preach, ſaying, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand*, [Mark] *as ye go, Preach*; ſo they were to Preach as they went; *and into whatſoever City or Town ye enter, enquire who is worthy, and there abide till ye go thence; and when ye come into any Houſe, ſalute it; and if the Houſe be worthy, let your Peace come upon it*, &c. *And whoſoever ſhall not receive you, nor hear your Words; when ye depart out of the Houſe or City, ſhake off the Duſt of your Feet for a Teſtimony againſt it*, &c. Mat. 10. Mark 6. 11. Here you may ſee that Chriſt's Diſciples preacht in Houſes; and Chriſt bid them, *Beware of men, for they will deliver you up to Councils, and they will ſcourge you in their Synagogues:* That was their Portion they ſhould have there; and that was and is the portion of Chriſt's Diſciples, that they have from the outward Profeſſors, in their outward Synagogues, and hailing of them before the Rulers and Governours for Chriſt's ſake, for a Teſtimony againſt them.

And Jeſus went through the Corn-field on the *Sabbath-day*, and his Diſciples were Hungry, and began to pluck the Ears

of Corn, and to eat; and when the *Phariſees* ſaw it, they ſaid unto him, *Behold, thy Diſciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the Sabbath-day.* And you may ſee how Chriſt preacht to them, and reproved their Blindneſs, *Mat.* 12.

And Jeſus ſate by the Sea-ſhore, and a great Multitude were gathered together unto him, and he went into the Ship, and ſate, and the whole Multitude ſtood on the Shore, and Chriſt ſpake many things in Parables to them, and taught them out of the Ship, *Mat.* 13. And Jeſus came nigh unto the Sea of *Galilee*, and went into a Mountain, and ſate there, and a great multitude came unto him, and they continued with him three dayes; and he commanded the Multitude to ſit on the Ground in the Wilderneſs, and took the five Loaves and three little Fiſhes, and he gave Thanks, and brake them, and gave to the Diſciples, and the Diſciples to the Multitude, and they that did eat were four Thouſand men, beſides Women and Children: And was not here a great *Meeting* that Chriſt both fed, taught and wrought this great Miracle among upon the Mountain, and in the Wilderneſs? *Mat.* 15. 29. *Mark* 8.

And Jeſus taketh *Peter*, and *James*, and *John*, and brings them up into an high Mountain apart, where he was transfigured before them, and as he prayed, the faſhion of his Countenance was altered, and his Rayment was white and gliſtering, *Mat.* 17. *Mark*, 9. 2. *Luke* 9. 28. Here you may ſee Chriſt prayed with his Diſciples in the Mountain; and was not here a *Meeting?* And Jeſus came into the Coaſts of *Judea* beyond *Jordan*, and a great Multitude followed him, and he *Taught* them, *Mat.* 19. 12. *Mark* 10. 1, 2. And the *Phariſees* came and tempted him, that were in a Profeſſion without Poſſeſſion.

And Chriſt ſaith in his Parable, *The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a certain King, who made a Marriage for his Son, and ſent forth his Servants, and ſaid, Go ye into the High-wayes, and as many as ye ſhall find, bid to the Marriage,* Mat. 22. 9. And is not this a Parable of the Marriage to Chriſt, the Son of God? And did not they that made light of his Marriage, intreat his Servants ſpightly, and ſlew them, and went away,

one to his Farm, and another to his Merchandize, &c? And *As* Jeſus *ſate at Meat in a Houſe, behold many* Publicans *and* Sinners *came and ſate down with him and his Diſciples; and when the* Phariſees *ſaw it, they ſaid unto the Diſciples, Why eateth your Maſter with* Publicans *and* Sinners? But Chriſt when he heard that, ſaid unto them, *That the Whole need no Phyſitian, but them that are Sick*; for he ſaid, *I am not come to call the Righteous, but Sinners to Repentance*, Mat. 9. 10, 11, 12, 13. And did not he *Preach* in a *Houſe* here?

And again, as Chriſt ſate upon the Mount of *Olives*, and his Diſciples came to him, and Chriſt fore-told them the Deſtruction of the Temple, and what great Calamity ſhould come, (as you may ſee in *Mat.* 24. to the end.) And had not Chriſt and his Diſciples a *Meeting* there upon the Mount of *Olives*, over againſt the Temple? *Mark* 13. 1. *Luke* 21. 5. And had not Chriſt a *Meeting* with his Diſciples in *Bethany*, in the Houſe of *Simon* the Leper, when the Woman poured the precious Box of Oyntment upon his Head? And did not Chriſt inſtruct his Diſciples largely about that, and ſaid, *Verily, I ſay unto you, whereſoever this Goſpel ſhall be preached in the whole World, there ſhall alſo this, that this Woman hath done, be told for a Memorial of her; for in that ſhe hath poured this Oyntment upon me, ſhe did it for my Burial*, Mat. 26. and Mark 14. 6. to the 10th. And did not Chriſt preach this Doctrine in the *Houſe* of *Simon* the Lepar at *Bethany*? And did not Chriſt keep the Paſſover in a *Houſe* with his Diſciples? For when the Evening was come, he ſate down with the twelve, *Mat.* 26. 19, 20. and *Mark* 14. 18. *Luke* 22. 14. *John* 13. And here did not Chriſt keep an *Evening-Meeting* in a *Houſe* with his Diſciples concerning the Paſſover, and taught them, and inſtructed them? And he did not keep this *Meeting* in the *Temple*, or the *Jews Synagogues*, but in a *Chamber*, in a *Houſe*, as you may ſee in the Scriptures.

And had not Chriſt a *Meeting* in the Houſe of *Simon*, and healed his Wives Mother, who lay ſick of a Feavour, and at Evening, when the Sun was ſet, all the City were gathered together at *Simon Peters* Houſe-Door? And had not they here an *Evening-Meeting*? *Mark* 1. 29, 30, 31, 32, 33.

In *Mark* 3. 13, 14. *Christ he goeth up into a Mountain, and calls to him whom he would*; and there Christ ordained twelve Disciples, *That they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach the Gospel*, &c. And they went into an *House*, and the multitude came together, so that they could not so much as eat Meat, *vers.* 19, 20, to the end. Here you may see Christ ordained his twelve Disciples on a Mountain, and they had a *Meeting* in a *House*.

And again in *Mark* 4 Christ begins to teach by the *Sea-side*, and there were gathered unto him a great Multitude, so that he entred into a Ship, and sate in the Ship on the *Sea-side*, and the whole Multitude was by the Sea on the Land, and *he taught them many things*, &c. Here you may see again Christ taught by the Sea-side in a *Ship*.

And again, Christ entred into *Capernaum*, and it was noised, *that he was in the House*, and straight way many gathered together, insomuch *that there was no room to receive them*; no, *not so much as about the Door*: You may see here Christ preacht in a *House*, and unto them that were *Without Doors*. And when Jesus was passed over again by Ship unto the other side, *much People were gathered unto him*, and *he was nigh unto the Sea*, Mark 5. 21. Here you may see Christ had a great *Meeting nigh unto the Sea*.

And Jesus *taught* his Disciples in a *House*, as you may see *Mark* 9. 28. 33. And also when he came to *Capernaum*, here you may see how he *taught* his Disciples in that *House*; also *Mark* 9. 31, 32, 33, 35. And again in *Mark* 10. 17. Christ *taught* his Disciples in a *House*.

And as Jesus went with his Disciples into the Towns of *Cæsaria* and *Philipia*, by the way *he asked some Questions*, and *taught them many things*, Mark 8. from vers. 27. to 34. So here you may see Christ's Disciples askt him Questions, and he *taught* them *by the Way*: And Christ sent two of his Disciples into the City, and they were to say to the good man of the House, *The Master saith, Where is the Guest-Chamber, where I shall eat the Passover with my Disciples? And they shewed him a large upper-Room, furnished and prepared, and they made ready the Passover; and in the Evening he cometh with the Twelve*,

Twelve, and as they ſate at Meat, Jeſus taught them, (Mark 14. from verſ. 18 to 32.) Here you may ſee Chriſt and his Diſciples had a *Meeting* in a *Houſe*, in an upper-Chamber in the Evening. And in *Luke* 1. 40. When *Mary* entred into the Houſe of *Zachariah*, and ſaluteth *Elizabeth*; what a heavenly *Meeting* was their when they met together in *Zachariah*'s *Houſe* (from Verſ. 40. to 56.)

And *Levi* made a great Feaſt in his Houſe, and there was a great Company of *Publicans* and others, that ſate down with them (to wit, Chriſt and his Diſciples) but the *Scribes* and *Phariſees* murmured againſt his Diſciples, ſaying, *Why do ye eat and drink with Publicans and Sinners*; *and Jeſus anſwered, and ſaid, They that are whole need no Phyſitian*; and *preacht* to them in a *Levites-Houſe*, Luke 5. 29. to the end.

And the Shepherds that were in the Country of *Bethlehem, which abode in the Field, keeping Watch over their Flocks by Night, and they came and found* Mary *and* Joſeph, *and the Babe lying in the Manger, becauſe there was no room in the Inn*; *And the Shepherds returned, and glorified and praiſed God for the things which they had heard and ſeen.* Here you may ſee the Shepherds had a *Meeting*, and *met* with *Chriſt*, and his *Mother*, though he was wrapt in ſwadling Cloathes, lying in a Manger, *Luke* 2.

And again, *Chriſt went into a Deſart Place, and the People ſought him, and came unto him, and ſtaid with him.* Here you may ſee Chriſt and the People had a *Meeting* in the *Deſart*, Luke 4. 42. And again, Chriſt *taught the People out of* Peter's *Ship*, Luke 5. 3.

And again in *Luke* 5. *Chriſt with-drew himſelf in the Wilderneſs, and prayed, and it came to paſs on a certain day, as he was Teaching, there were* Phariſees *and Doctors of the Law came out of every Town of* Galilee, *and* Judea, *and* Jeruſalem, *&c. and they brought a man in a Bed, which was taken with the Palſie, and becauſe of the Multitude they went upon the Houſe-top, and let him down through the Tyling in the midſt before Jeſus, and he healed him.*

Here you may ſee Chriſt had a great *Meeting* in a *Houſe* in the *Wilderneſs*.

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And Christ and his Disciples went into the *Desart* of *Bethany*, and there they had a great *Meeting* of five Thousand men, and *he made them to sit down, and he took the five Loaves and two Fishes, and looking up to Heaven, blessed them, and gave them to his Disciples to set before the Multitude, and they did all eat, and were all filled, and there were taken up of Fragments that remained twelve Baskets.* Here you may see Christ had a great *Meeting* in this *Desart*, where he wrought this Miracle, *Luke* 9. *And Jesus took* Peter, *and* John, *and* James, *and went into a Mountain to Pray, and the next day when they were come down the Hill, much People met Christ.* Here you may see in *Luke* 9. in what Places Christ prayed in, and had *Meetings. And* Jesus *went into a Mountain to Pray, and continued all Night in Prayer to God, and when it was Day, he called unto him his Disciples, and he came down with them into a Plain, and a great multitude of People out of all* Judea *and* Jerusalem, *and from the Sea Coasts of* Tyre *and* Sydon, *which came to hear him,* &c. So you may see here was a great *Meeting* where Christ stood in the *Plain*, *Luke* 6. from Vers. 12. to the end. *And one of the* Pharisees *desired Christ that he would go eat with him, and he went into the* Pharisees *House, and sate down to Meat, and the Woman stood at his Feet behind him weeping, which was a Sinner, and began to wash his Feet with her Tears, and did kiss his Feet, and anoint them with Oyntment she brought; and the* Pharisees *said, This man if he was a Prophet, would have known who, and what manner of Woman she was that toucht him.* And you may see how Christ *preacht* to him, and them that were in the *Pharisees-House* (from Vers. 40. to the end, in *Luke* 7. 36, 37, 38, 39.) And Christ went through every *City* and *Village preaching* and shewing the Glad-tydings of the Kingdom of God. Here again you may see in what places Christ *preacht*, Luke 8. 1. And had not Jesus a *Meeting* at *Martha's House*; see what he said to her, and her Sister *Mary*; *For* Mary *sate at Jesus his Feet, and heard his Words*; *but* Martha *was combred and careful about many things*, but Christ said, *Mary had chosen the good part, which should not be taken away from her*, Luke 10. 38. to the end. And when Christ had appointed seventy Disciples, he sent them by two and two, and said, *Into whatsoever*

what ſoever Houſe ye enter, firſt, ſay, Peace to the Houſe; and in the ſame Houſe eat and drink ſuch things as they give you; for the Labourer is worthy of his Meat or Hire, go not from Houſe to Houſe. Here you may ſee Chriſts Diſciples were to *Preach* in *Houſes*, Luke 10. 1. to 12. And Chriſt taught his Diſciples to Pray, *Luke* 11. 2. And Chriſt went into an *Houſe* of one of the chief *Phariſees*, to eat Bread on the *Sabbath-day*, and there came a Man which had the Dropſie before him, and he healed him. You may ſee how Chriſt preacht to the *Lawyers* and *Phariſees* on the *Sabbath-day* in the *Phariſees Houſe*, and he put forth Parables to them, *Of a certain man that made a great Supper, and bad many*, &c. *and they all with one conſent began to make excuſes, and one ſaid, He had bought a piece of Ground, and I muſt needs go ſee it*, &c. *And another had bought an Yoke of Oxen, and he muſt prove them: And another ſaid, He had marryed a Wife, and therefore he could not come: So the Servant came and ſhewed his Lord theſe things; then the Maſter of the Houſe being angry, ſaid to his Servants, Go quickly into the Streets and Lanes of the City, and bring in hither the Poor, Maimed, Halt and Blind; and the Servant of the Lord ſaid, It is done as thou haſt commanded, and yet there is room; And the Lord ſaid unto the Servants, Go ye out into the High-wayes and Hedges*, &c. *that my Houſe may be filled: I ſay unto you, that none of thoſe men which were bidden, ſhall taſte of my Supper:* To wit, he that had bought a piece of Ground, and he that had bought the Oxen, and he that had marryed a Wife, who made excuſes, they could not come and taſte of his Supper, as in *Luke* 14. So here you may ſee the Servants of Chriſt *preacht* in the *Streets*, *Lanes*, *High-wayes*, *Hedges*. And had not Chriſt a *Meeting* at *Zachariah's Houſe*, who was a chief *Publican*? And did not Chriſt tell him, *He was the Son of* Abraham, *and this day Salvation was come to his Houſe*? And did not Chriſt preach many things to them, and in Parables, *Luke* 19. And after Chriſt was riſen from the Dead, he apppeared to two of his Diſciples as they were walking to a Village, called *Emaus*, and he opened their Underſtandings, and ſhewed them out of the Scriptures, *that he was the Chriſt*, and they went to *Jeruſalem* and found the Eleven gathered together,

and them that were with them, and they told them, *how that Jesus Christ was risen*; and as they thus spoke, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and said, *Peace be unto you*, &c. And Christ bid them *Tarry in the City of* Jerusalem *untill they were indued with Power from on High*, Luke 24. Here you may see Christ preacht to two of his Disciples by the *High-way side*, and in the *House*, and his Disciples and others kept their *Meetings*; and Christ was amongst them after he was risen from the Dead, as well as in their *Meetings* with him before he was Crucified. And there was a Marriage in *Canaan* of *Galilee*, and Jesus was called, and his twelve Disciples, and the Mother of Jesus was there, *John* 2. 1. Here you may see Jesus was at this Marriage-*Meeting*, and his Disciples through his Words and Miracles believed on him. And *Nicodemus* the Ruler of the *Jews*, that came to Jesus by Night, and said to him, *Thou art a Teacher come from God*, &c John 3. And had not Christ & his Disciples a *Meeting* with him in the *Night?* And Christ taught him, That he might be *born again*, before he could see the Kingdom of God, or enter into it. And in *John* 4. Had not Christ a *Meeting* with the Woman of *Samaria* at *Jacob's Well*? And did not he teach her, *That God was worshipped not at* Jerusalem, *neither in that Mountain where* Jacob's *Well was*, but *that God is a Spirit, and they that worship him, must worship him in Spirit and Truth?* And did not the Disciples marvel at Christ's speaking with, or teaching the Woman? And did not the Woman leave her Water-Pot, and go into the City of *Samaria*? (the chief *Metropolitan* of the King of the ten Tribes of *Israel*) and said to the men of that City, *Come, see a Man which hath told me all things that ever I did*; *Is not this the Christ*? And they went out of the City, and came unto him; and through this *Meeting* of Christ with the Woman at the *Mountain*, and the *Samaritans*, many of them believed in him. And there lay a great Multitude of Impotent Folk at the Pool of *Bethesda*, and there Christ on the *Sabbath-day* healed a man that had an Infirmity thirty eight Years; and therefore the *Jews* persecuted Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the *Sabbath-day*, *John* 5. And in *John* 11. had not Christ

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and his Disciples a *Meeting* in *Martha*'s *House*, when *Lazarus* was dead, when the *Jews* were met together with *Mary* & *Martha*? and did not he Preach to them in *Martha*'s *House*? And did not many of the *Jews* believe on him through his Preaching, and raising *Lazarus* from the dead? *John* 11. 17. to 54. And again, had not Christ and his Disciples another *Meeting* at *Bethany* at *Martha*'s *House*, after he had raised *Lazarus* from the dead? And *Lazarus* was one that sate at Table with Christ and his Disciples at Supper; and many People of the *Jews* came not for Christ's sake only, but that they might see *Lazarus*, whom he had raised from the Dead; but the chief Priests consulted that they might put *Lazarus* to death, because by reason of *Lazarus* being raised from the Dead, many of the *Jews* believed in Christ, *John* 12. And when Jesus went forth with his Disciples over the Brook *Kidron*, which was a Garden into which he entred with his Disciples, for Jesus often-times resorted thither with his Disciples: So here you may see, Christ and his Disciples often-times had *Meetings* in this *Garden*; and *Judas* knowing the Place where he and his Disciples oft resorted, having received a Band of Men and Officers from the chief Priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with Lanthorns, Torches and Weapons, while he was yet *Speaking*; and Jesus said unto them, *Whom seek ye*; and they said unto him, *Jesus of Nazareth*; and Jesus said unto them, *I am he*; *If ye therefore seek me, let these go*, (to wit, his Disciples.) Here you may see Christ was taken out of a *Meeting* in the *Garden* (and while he was yet speaking) by *Judas* and the Officers, and a great Multitude with Lanthorns, Torches, Swords and Staves, *John* 18. *Mat.* 26. 47. And the Disciples when they came to the Mount of *Olives*, where Christ did ascend into Heaven from them, they went to *Jerusalem*, and went into an Upper-Room, and these all continued with one accord in *Prayer* and *Supplication* with the Women, and *Mary* the Mother of Jesus, and his Brethren; and *Peter* stood up in the midst of the Disciples, and shewed them the fulfilling of the Scriptures; and this *Meeting* was of about an *hundred* and *twenty*, the *first Meeting* after Christ's Ascention, in an *upper-Chamber*, *Acts* 1. And at the time of *Pentecost*, they were all with one accord in one Place,

Place, and *they were filled with the holy Ghost*; *for suddainly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a rushing Wind, and it filled all the House where they were sitting*; *and there were dwelling at* Jerusalem *devout men, out of every Nation under Heaven*; *now when it was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own Language, and they were amazed, and were in doubt, and marvelled, saying one to another, What meaneth this? and others mocked, saying, These men are full of new Wine*: This *Meeting* and the *New Tongues* of the holy Ghost confounded the *Professors*, that did not possess the Life; but *Peter* and the eleven Apostles stood up and preacht to them (from Verse 14. to 41.) Christ, & shewed to them the fulfilling of the Scriptures concerning him; and *there were Converted and added to them about three thousand Souls that day*; and *they continued daily with one accord in the Temple, and breaking of Bread from House to House, and did eat their Meat with gladness and singleness of Heart*, Acts 2. Here you may see what a wonderful Conversion there was at this *Meeting*, in this *House*; and *Peter* and *John*, and the Apostles continued in their Preaching; but the *Priests*, and the *Captain* of the Temple, and the *Saduces*, being grieved that they *Preacht in the Name of Jesus, who is risen from the Dead*, laid Hands on them, and put them in Hold; and howbeit, many of them which heard the Word, believed, to about the number of five thousand Men; and the next day they had them out of the Prison before *Ananias* the high Priest, and the Rulers, and Elders and Scribes; and *Peter* and *John* preacht Christ unto them, and said, *There is no other Name given under Heaven among men, whereby we must be saved, but the Name of Jesus*; *neither is there any Salvation in any other*. And the Priest and the Rulers commanded them not to speak at all, nor to Preach in the Name of Jesus; but *Peter* and *John* said unto them, *Whether is it right in the sight of God, to hearken unto you, more then unto God, judge ye*; *for we cannot but speak the things which we have heard and seen*. So when the Rulers had threatned them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, *Acts* 4. So you may see, as the Disciples

ciples were Speaking to the People, the Priests and the Captain of the Temple, and the Saduces, came upon them, being grieved that they taught the People, and Preacht through Jesus the Resurrection from the Dead, and laid Hands upon them, and put them in Hold, and had them before the high Priests, &c. So the Disciples of Christ were taken out of their *Meeting*, as they were *Teaching* and *Preaching* to the People, by the *Priests* and *Captain* of the Temple, and the *Saduces*, *Acts* 4 1, 2. And again, when the Apostles were set at Liberty, they went to their own Company, and reported all that the *chief Priests* and *Elders* had said and done unto them, and when they heard, they lift up their Voice to God with one accord and *Preached*, *Prayed* and *Glorified* God, & they were filled with the holy Ghost, and the place was shaken where they were assembled, *Acts* 4.23,24,31. to the end. And again, they were all with one accord in *Solomon's Porch*; and the *High Priest* rose up, and all that were with him, with the Sect of the *Saduces*, and they were filled with Indignation, and laid Hands on the Apostles, and put them in *Prison*; but the Angel of the Lord by Night opened the Prison-Doors, and brought them forth, and said, *Go stand and speak in the Temple to the People all the Words of this Life*; And then came one and told them; *The Men that ye put in Prison, stand in the Temple teaching the People*: Then went the Captain of the Temple, with the Officers, and brought them out with Violence, and set them before the Council; and the high Priest askt them, saying, *Did not we straitly command you, that you should not teach in the Name of Jesus, &c?* But the Apostles preacht to the Council and the high Priest; and when they had beaten the Apostles, they commanded them, *That they should Preach no more in the Name of Jesus*, and let them go; but the Apostles answered, and said, *We ought to obey God rather than men*? But the Apostles daily in the Temple, and in every House, *ceast not to Teach & Preach Jesus Christ*. Here again you may see the Captain & Officers brought out the Apostles from their *Meeting*, when they were *Teaching* in the Temple; and it seems the multitude of Believers kept their *Meeting* with one accord in *Solomon's Porch*, for all the high Priests and the Officers threatning, beating and imprisoning, yet they ceast not daily to *Teach* and *Preach* Christ Jesus in the Temple, and in *Houses*, as *Acts* 5. And in *Acts* 6. *Stephen* being a man full of Faith and Power, certain of the Synagogue of the *Libertines*, &c. disputed with him, and they were not able to resist the *Wisdom* and the *Spirit* by which he spake,

&c. and they ſtirred up the *People*, and *Elders*, and *Scribes*, and came upon him, and ſought him, and brought him to the Council and high Prieſt, and ſet up falſe Witneſſes againſt him, and put him to Death, *Acts* 6 7. Here you may ſee the work of ſuch *Libertines* and *Diſputers* with their falſe Witneſſes, high Prieſts and Councils, and falſe Profeſſions, when they cannot reſiſt the Power and Spirit of God, then they Murder. And *Saul* made *havock of the Church*, entring into every Houſe, and haling Men and Women, committing them to Priſon, *Acts* 8. 3. And had not *Saul*, who was a great outward Profeſſor, his authority from the chief Prieſts to *Hail*, *Impriſon*, and *Diſturb* the true *Chriſtians* in their *Meetings?* And was not *Philip* commanded to *Preach* to the Eunuch? And did not he go into the *Charriot*, and *preach* to him Chriſt Jeſus, and opened to him the Scriptures, and converted him. And had not *Peter* a *Meeting* at *Cornelius*'s *Houſe* at *Caſaria*? And did not he call together his Kinsfolks and near Friends, and ſaid unto *Peter*, *We are all here preſent before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God*; and *Peter* opened his Mouth and Preacht Jeſus Chriſt unto them, and converted them, *Acts* 10. Was not this in *Cornelius*'s Houſe the *Centurian*, at *Caſaria*? And do ye think he had not a *Chriſtian Meeting* in his *Houſe*, after he and his Friends were converted? And *Herod* apprehended *Peter*, and put him in Priſon; but *Prayer* was made without ceaſing of the Church for him, and the Lord heard them, and he ſent his Angel, and delivered *Peter*, and he came to the *Houſe* of *Mary*, the Mother of *John*, where many were *gathered together Praying*, Acts 12. Here you may ſee here was a *Chriſtian Meeting* in *Mary*'s *Houſe* in the Night, when they had killed *James*, and perſecuted *Peter*; but the Angel of the Lord ſmote *Herod* the *Perſecutor*, and *he was eaten of Worms, that he dyed.* And when the Apoſtles had gone through the Iſle unto *Paphos*, *Sergius Paulus*, a prudent man, Deputy of the Country, called for *Barnabas* and *Saul*, and deſired to hear the Word of God; but *Elymas* the Sorcerer, which was with the *Deputy*, withſtood them, ſeeking to turn away the *Deputy* from the Faith; but the Lord ſtruck him blind, and the *Deputy* believed, being aſtoniſhed at the Doctrine of the Lord: And had not *Paul* and *Barnabas* a *Meeting* at the *Deputy*'s *Houſe*, for them to hear the Word of God? *Acts* 13. 7. &c. And at *Antioch*, after the read of the Law and Prophets, the Rulers of the Synagogue ſent unto *Paul*, and his Company, ſaying, *Ye Men and Brethren, if ye have*

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a Word of Exhortation for the People, say on, Acts 13. 15. And here you may see what a large Sermon the Apostle preacht to them. And the Apostle went to a Colony in *Macedonia*, and he went out of the City to a River side, where *Prayer* was wont to be made, and the Apostle sate down, and spoke unto the Women by the River side, which resorted thither, and a certain Woman, named *Lydia*, of the City *Thyatira*, whose *Heart* the *Lord opened*, that *she attended unto the things which were spoken by* Paul, and she besought them, saying, *If ye judge me faithful to the Lord, come to my House, and abide there*; *and she constrained them*, Acts 16 13, 14, 15. Here you may see the Apostles had a *Meeting* by the *River-side*; and had they not another in *Lydia*'s *House*? (*Paul* and his Company) and then the Magistrates of that Country cast them in Prison, &c. And had not *Paul* and *Silvanius* a *Meeting* in the *Prison*? And did not they *Preach* the Word of the Lord to the *Goaler*, and all that were in his *House*? And did not he believe in God with all his *House*? So had not they a *Meeting* here in the *Goaler's House*? Act. 16. And they went out of the Prison, and went into the *House* of *Lydia* again; and when they had seen the Brethren, they comforted them, and departed, *Acts* 16. 40. And here, had not the Apostles another Christian *Meeting* in *Lydia*'s *House*? And *Paul* and *Sylas* and their company, came to *Thessalonica*; and did not *Jason* receive them, and the unbelieving *Jews*, which believed not, moved with Envy, with certain Lude Fellows, assaulted *Jasons* House, and they drew *Jason*, and certain Brethren unto the Rulers, crying and saying, *These are they which have subverted the State of the World*. And when the Rulers had taken security of *Jason*, and of others they let them go, *Acts* 17. from Vers. 1. to 9. And *Paul* disputed at *Athens* in the *Synagogue* of the *Jews*, and in the *Market-place* daily, and he stood in the midst of *Mars-Hill*, it was the highest Court in *Athens*, where *Paul* preacht to them (*Acts* 19. from 22 ver. to 33.) And *Paul* came to a mans House, whose Name was *Justus*, one that worshipt God, and *Crispus* the chief Ruler of the Synagogue believed on the Lord, with all his House, and many of the *Corinthians* hearing, believed; and the Apostle continued there a Year and six Moneths, preaching the Word of God amongst them, *Acts* 18. And do you think that *Paul* had not Christian-*Meetings* at *Crispus*'s and *Justus*'s *House*? And the *Jews* made Insurrection with one accord against *Paul*, and brought him before the Judgment Seat, and they brought him before *Gallio*, who was Deputy

of *Achaia*; and *Gallio* said to the *Jews*, *If it were a matter of Wrong or wicked Ludeness, O ye* Jews! *Reason would that I should bear with you; but if it be a Question of Words and Names, and of your Law, look you to it, for I will be no Judge of such matters:* And he drove the *Jews* away from the Judgment-Seat, *Acts* 18. 14, 15, 16. Here you may see that the *Heathen-Governour* had more *Reason* and *Moderation* to the Apostle *Paul*, than the professing *Jews*. And *Priscilla* and *Aquila* took *Apollo* unto them, and expounded to him the Way of God more perfectly; therefore had not *Pricilla* and *Aquilla* a *Meeting* at their *House*, *Acts* 18. 26. And *Demetrius* the Silver-Smith made a great up-roar, and through him the City was filled with Confusion, and said, *This* Paul *hath perswaded and turned away much People, saying, That they are no gods which are made with Hands*; and cryed out, *Great was* Diana: And having caught *Gaius* and *Aristarchus*, men of *Macedonia*, *Paul*'s Companions in Travel; the Town-Clerk appeased the People, and said, *Ye have brought hither these men, neither Robbers of your Churches, nor Blasphemers of your Goddess*; *wherefore if* Demetrius, *and the Crafts-men which are with him, have any matter against any man, the Law is open, and there are Deputies, let them Implead one another*; *for if ye enquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful Assembly*; and said, *Ye ought to be quiet, and do nothing rashly*: And when he had thus spoken, he dismist the People, *Acts* 19. 23. to 41. And here you may see the Moderation of the *Town-Clerk* to the Apostles; and *Demetrius* for *love of Gain*, raised an uproar against *Paul* and his Companions, which was appeased by the *Town-Clerk*, and shewed more Moderation and Reason than the professing *Jews* and *Priests*; And *Paul* disputed daily in the House of one *Tyranius*, and this continued by the space of two Years, so that all they which dwelt in *Asia* heard the Word of the Lord, both *Jews* and *Greeks*: So here you may see *Paul* both preacht and disputed in a *School-house*. And *Paul* and his Company came to *Troas*, and upon the first Day of the Week, when the Disciples came together, *Paul* continued his Speech until Mid-night, and there were many Lights in the upper-Chamber, where they were gathered together, and there sate a Young-man in a Window, named *Eutychus*, being fallen into a deep Sleep, as *Paul* was long *Preaching* in an *upper-Chamber*, he sunk down with Sleep, and fell from the third Loft, and was t ken up dead, but *Paul* went down and imbraced him, and he was brought to Life again, to their Comfort, *Acts* 20. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Here you may see *Paul* had a *Night-Meeting*

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in a *Chamber*; and would not many Professors without possession, say, he was a *House-Meeter*? And again, the Apostle said to the *Christians* at *Ephesus*, *I have kept nothing back that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from House to House*, Acts 20. 20. Here you may see the Apostles *taught* the *Ephesians* from *House to House*, as well as *publickly*. And the Apostle and his Company came to *Tyre*, and staid there seven days, finding Disciples there; and when they went away, there Wives and Children brought them out of the City, and *Paul kneeled down on the Sea-shore*, and *Prayed*; so they had a *Meeting on the Sea-shore*, Acts 21. 3, 4, 5. And *Paul* and his Company came unto *Cæsaria*, and went to the House of *Philip* the *Evangelist*; and the same man had four Daughters, which did Prophecy, and they tarryed there many days, and the Prophet named *Agabus* came to them, and took *Paul*'s Girdle, and bound his own Hands and Feet, and said, *Thus saith the holy Ghost, so shall the* Jews *at* Jerusalem *bind this man that owes this Girdle, and shall deliver him into the Hands of the* Gentiles: And much of it came to pass when *Paul* came to *Jerusalem*; for had not the chief Captain, and his Souldiers rescued *Paul*, and sent him to *Cæsaria* to *Felix* the Governour, the *Jews* and the *Priests* would have destroyed him, as in *Acts* 21, 22, 23. Chap. Do you think that the Apostle and his Company had not a *Meeting* in *Philip* the *Evangelist's House*, with him and his four Daughters, and *Agabus* and others? *Acts* 21. 8, 9. And the City of *Jerusalem* was moved, and ran together, when *Paul* came into the Temple, and they took *Paul* and drew him out of the *Temple*, and as they went about to kill him, Tidings came to the chief Captain, *That all* Jerusalem *was in an Uproar*, who saved his Life, who was more moderate than the professing *Jews*: And *Paul* stood upon the *Stairs of the Castle*, and *preacht* to the *Jews*, that Jesus was Christ; as you may see *Acts* 21.22. Chap. And *Ananias* the high Priest, with the Elders, informed *Felix* the Governour against *Paul*, and said, *We have found this man a Pestilent-Fellow, and a mover of Sedition among all the* Jews *throughout the World, and a Ring-leader of the Sect of* Nazarites, *Acts* 24. Here you may see true Christianity, and Preaching the Gospel of Christ Jesus, is called a *Sect* and *Sedition*, by the Professors of the Scriptures without possession. And when *Paul* was brought before *Festus*, he being willing to do the *Jews* a pleasure, said to *Paul*, *Wilt thou go up to* Jerusalem, *there to be judged of those things before me*; (to wit, the things that the *Jews* accused him

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of ſ than ſaid *Paul*, *I ſtand at* Cæſar's *Judgment-Seat, and where I ought to be judged: To the* Jews *I have done no Wrong, thou knoweſt it very well*; then *Feſtus* (when he had conferred with his Council) ſaid unto *Paul*, *To* Cæſar *thou haſt appealed, and unto* Cæſar *thou ſhalt go*, Acts 25. And *Paul preacht* a brave Sermon to King *Agrippa*, that *Agrippa* ſaid unto *Paul*, *Almoſt thou haſt perſwaded me to be a* Chriſtian, *&c.* Acts 26. And was not that in an *Houſe*? And then they ſent *Paul* away by Shipping towards *Rome*, and the Ship toucht at *Sydon*, and *Julius* a *Centurian* of *Auguſtus*'s Band, courteouſly entertained *Paul*, and gave him liberty to go unto his Friends at *Sydon*, to refreſh himſelf; and had not he a *Meeting* there with his *Friends*? And *Paul* admoniſht the People in the Ship, and the *Centurian* believed *Paul* more than the Maſter of the Ship, as in *Acts* 27. 22. And there was in the Ship *two hundred threeſcore and ſixteen Souls*; And had not he a *Meeting in the Ship* there? and when they were caſt upon *Melita*, the chief man of the Iſland, whoſe Name was *Publius*, received them, and lodged them courteouſly three days; and when *Paul* came to *Rome*, the *Centurian* ſuffered *Paul* to dwell by himſelf with a Souldier, that kept him; and *Paul* dwelt two whole years in his own hired Houſe, & received all that came in unto him, *Preaching the Kingdom of God*, and *teaching* thoſe things which concerned the Lord Jeſus, with all *Confidence*, no man forbidding him, *Acts* 28. 16. 30, 31. Here you may ſee *Paul* kept a Chriſtian-*Meeting in his own hired Houſe* at *Rome*, and Preacht in it, ſo that they were more kind to him than the *Jews*, that haled him out of the Temple, and would have killed him, *Acts* 21. 30, 31. And the Apoſtle ſaith, *Greet* Pricilla *and* Aquila, *my helpers in Chriſt*; *likewiſe greet the Church that is in their Houſe*, Rom. 16. 3, 4, 5. 1 Cor. 16. 19. So here you may ſee the Church was in *Aquilla*'s and *Pricila*'s Houſe, their *Houſe* was a *Meeting-Houſe* for the true *Chriſtians*. And the Apoſtle in his Epiſtle to the *Coloſſians*, ſaith, *Salute the Brethren which are in* Leodicea *and* Nymphas, *and the Church which is in his Houſe*, Col. 4. 15. Here you may ſee the *Church* was in *Nymphas*'s *Houſe*; and they met in a *Houſe*, and did not call the *Houſe* a *Church*. Paul *his Epiſtle to* Philemon, *and* Aphia, *and* Archipus, *&c. and to the Church which is in thy Houſe*. So here you may ſee the Church of Chriſt was in *Philemon*'s *Houſe*, *Phil.* 2. And *John* writes to the ſeven Churches in *Aſia*, and he ſaith to every Church, *He that hath an Ear, let him hear what the Spirit ſaith to the Churches*. So it is the Spirit of God

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that ſpeaks to the *Churches*; and the *Churches* are not the outward *Temple* or *Steeple-Houſe*, but the People of God; and the People of God, which are the Church, are to hear what the Spirit of God ſaith to them. So they that have a Spiritual Ear, are to hear what the Spirit ſaith.

A Poſtſcript.

AFter Chriſt was riſen, he ſaid unto *Mary*, *Touch me not, for I am not yet aſcended unto my Father; but go to my Brethren, and ſay unto them, I aſcend unto my Father, and your Father, and to my God and your God*; and ſhe came and told the Diſciples, that he had ſpoken theſe things unto her; and the ſame day at Evening, being the firſt day of the Week, when the Doors were ſhut, where the Diſciples were aſſembled, came Jeſus, and ſtood in the midſt, and ſaid, *Peace be unto you*, *John* 20. 19. *Mark* 16. 14. You may ſee Chriſt met with his Diſciples in the Evening, on the firſt Day of the Week, who riſe on the ſame firſt Day; So he had a *Meeting* with the Diſciples in a *Houſe* the ſame *firſt Day* he roſe, and not in the *Jews Temple* or *Synagogues*.

And the Word of the Lord came to *Jeremiah*, ſaying, *Go and cry in the Ears of* Jeruſalem, *&c.* Jer. 1 2. And the Word of the Lord came again to *Jeremiah*, ſaying, *Stand in the Gate of the Lord's Houſe, and proclaim, and ſay, Hear the Word of the Lord, ye that enter in at the Gates to worſhip the Lord, amend your Ways and Doings, and I will cauſe you to dwell in this place*, Jer. 7. 1, 2, 3. Here you may ſee *Jeremiah preacht* in the *Gate* of the Temple, which is called the Lord's Houſe. And the Lord ſaid to *Jeremiah Go down to the Houſe of the King of* Judah, *and ſpeak there this Word*, &c. *Hear the Word of the Lord, O King of* Judah, *that ſits upon the Throne of* David, *thou, and thy Servants, and thy People that enter in by theſe Gates, thus ſaith the Lord, Execute ye Judgment and Righteouſneſs, and deliver the Spoil out of the Hand of the Oppreſſor; do no Wrong, do no Violence to the Stranger, the Fatherleſs, and the Widdow; neither ſhed innocent Blood*, &c. *but if ye will not hear theſe Words, I ſwear by my ſelf, ſaith the Lord, that this Houſe ſhall become a*

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Desolation, Jer. 22. 1, 2, 3, 5. Here you may see *Jeremiah* went and preacht at the *King's House*.

Thus saith the Lord to *Jeremiah*, *Stand in the Court of the Lord's House, and speak unto all the Cities of* Judah, *which come to worship in the Lords House, all the Words that I command thee to speak unto them, diminish not a Word*, Jer. 26 2. Here you may see *Jeremiah* preacht in the Court of the Lords House.

And the Word of the Lord came to *Jeremiah*, saying, *Go into the House of the* Rechabites, *and speak unto them, and bring them into the House of the Lord, into one of the Chambers*, Jer. 35. 1, 2. to 19. And here you may see by the obedience of the *Rechabites*, *Jeremiah* condemns the Disobedience of the *Jews*, and God blessed the *Rechabites* for their Obedience: And here you may see *Jeremiah* preacht to the Houshold of the *Rechabites* in the Chamber. So here it is no strange thing to *Preach* in *Houses*, *Chambers*, *Schools*, *High-ways*, *Hedges*, *Streets*, *Mountains*, *Ships*, *Deserts* and *Wildernesses*, in *Gates*, and in the *Temple-Doors*, the Law and Gospel, though they that did so, were cast into Prisons, as *Jeremiah* in the Prison, and in the Dungeon; and the Apostles were cast into *Prison*, and into the *Stocks*, for Preaching Christ Jesus, who preacht him in such places, as before, and many for preaching Christ in such places, have been since cast into *Prisons* and *Dungeons*, by them that are called *Christians*, who could not own their *Synagogue* and *Temple-Worship*, but worship God in Spirit and Truth; which Worship Christ set up above Sixteen Hundred Years ago.

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